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## With Profound Regret

Few men have a public record comparable to that of Allan W. Dulles — service under eight Presidents in a variety of posts from secretary of the American legation at Vienna to director of the Central Intelligence Agency. And few men have a record comparable to his in the esteem with which he and his work have been held by Presidents and by his associates in the public service. time has shown the CIA was not responsible. We heard Dulles say last Spring in Washington a few days after the Cuban disaster, in answer to a reporter's question, that CIA intelligence on the Cuban adventure was sufficient and was correctly appraised. The fault with the Cuban attempt was in the modification of the CIA plan which the Joint Chiefs of Staff said had a good chance of success.

Soon after President Kennedy was elected last November he asked two distinguished officials to continue their work in his Administration. J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was one. Dulles was the other. Dulles agreed to stay on for one year. Dulles did not bother to defend himself and the CIA against criticism. He continued his work as he always had done it, quietly and competently. When the President announced his successor, he made emphatically clear that Dulles was retiring in accord with an agreement made last November and he expressed profound regret that Dulles is leaving the public service.

That year will expire in November. During it occurred the disastrous attempt by rebels to invade Cuba and overthrow Castro. This invasion was planned by the CIA and when it failed the CIA was harshly criticised. But the regret, we are sure, will be shared by Americans acquainted with the man and his work. The country has had no better public servant.